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Rene Cosby Ellis, at the age of 87, entered eternal rest peacefully on Sunday afternoon, May 7, 2023, at his family home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Newport News, Virginia on May 4, 1936, to Charles Rene Ellis and Catherine Eggleston Moore Ellis.

He is survived by his wife Doris “Dotty” Denmon Ellis, his 2 sons, Charles R. Ellis (Bonnie) and W. Cosby Ellis (Donna), and stepson, Mark J. Brunet (Donna), stepdaughter, Traci T. Brunet (Clayton) and grandson, Charles R. Ellis (Molly) and granddaughters, Ashley O. Richard (Seth), Robin Ellis, Step-grandsons, Trey Brunet, James Brunet, step-granddaughter, Abbie Brunet and 5 great-grandchildren.

Rene was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Catherine Ellis and his brother, Aubry J. Ellis.

A native of Newport News, and proud resident of Mandeville for over 40 years. He worked for Newport News Shipbuilding, and then transferred to Avondale Shipyard where he worked until his retirement in 1984.

The Ellis family expresses their deepest gratitude to the outstanding care provided by Vital Caring Hospice.

In lieu of flowers kindly consider, memorial contributions in memory of: Rene Cosby Ellis may be made to: St Jude Childrens Research.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, locally owned and operated, (985) 892-9222 has been entrusted with funeral arrangements.



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DH

Dudley Haycraft posted:

During a "buddy boat" trip to the Bahamas, we encountered some storm clouds approaching from behind us. My radio came on with a call from Rene: "Duudley, look behind us" (Me.) "OK,I see, what about 'em?" (Rene) "Duudley, what we gonna do? Should we anchor?"(Me.) "No Rene, we're gonna keep going. We're out in the ocean, we can't anchor." One of many learning experiences for Rene; our intrepid sailor.

May 13 at 4:56 AM

MH

Melanie Haycraft posted:

I can't think of Rene without remembering getting my chest dustbusted of cracker crumbs in the cockpit of Stars & Bars. Such a good time had and because of he and Dottye, we moved to and lived in Mandeville for 25 years.

May 13 at 4:31 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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